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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We are a small business located in Hood River, Oregon. The recent petition submitted to the FCC by the US Telecom Association, representing CenturyLink, AT&T and other incumbents, would reduce competition in our rural community and in particular would put our local internet provider out of business.

Our local provider, Gorge Networks, not only provides fiber to our building for internet and phone service, but was able to complete the installation over the Thanksgiving holiday. CenturyLink not only could not meet our schedule, but turned us over to a collection agency for a service that they never even installed.

Please support free and fair competition and encourage the development of broadband service in rural communities.

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